

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

U.S. National Phase Application of: )  
International Application No.: )  
PCT/EP2003/051108 ) Group Art Unit: 2874  
Inventors: Matteo CHERCHI et al. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 10/584,853 )  
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For: OPTICAL COUPLING DEVICE )

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 17, 2009, applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment with renumbered claims to comply with the notice and 37 C.F.R. 1.126. All other sections of the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 28, 2008, remain unchanged.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 6 of this amendment and as a separate page enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this amendment.